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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: M. Budd
Takayuki TSUKIMOTO et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2834
Application No.: 10/044,936	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1495
Filed: January 15, 2002	)	
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For: VIBRATION ELEMENT AND	)	December 30, 2004
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APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 2, 2004, please find attached a revised section from the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 19, 2004, setting forth the amendments to the claims. This revised section includes a complete listing of all the claims, and correctly identifies that claims 18, 19, 28, and 29 have been cancelled. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully sought.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.J. Didas", is written over a horizontal line.

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